

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Griffin, Johnson (3/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on October 23, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The Chair laid **Senate Bill 757** before the committee.

SB 757	Allen	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; economically efficient functional condition; revise definition and require certain notice be given when proposing terminating plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district.
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Senator Allen explained the intent of the bill.

Jeff Ammon, representing Kalexsyn, Inc. testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Written material in **support** of the bill was submitted by **Mr. Ammon** and **Representative Robert Jones**.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Judy Kruger, from the Office of Senator Garcia;

Norm Shinkle, representing Michigan Brewing; and

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4560** before the committee.

HB 4560	Hammon	State financing and management; purchasing; bulk purchasing program; establish.
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Representative Hammon explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Bob Burns and **Tony Des Chenes**, representing the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, testified on the bill and answered questions.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4948** before the committee.

HB 4948	Warren	Property tax; other; disclosure of business audit for real or personal property; prohibit.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

M.L. Mickey Knight and **Marilyn Plummer**, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the **concept** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4948**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Clemente, Dean, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Byrum, Coulouris, Meltzer (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Dean moved to report **House Bill 4948**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Clemente, Dean, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Byrum, Coulouris, Meltzer (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 388** before the committee.

SB 388	Cassis	State; escheats; application of unclaimed property act to gift cards; clarify.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Chad Arnold, from the office of Senator Cassis, testified on the bill and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Joelle Demand, representing the Michigan Bankers Association;

Kim Rhead, representing Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers; and

Mary Dechow, representing Spartan Stores.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card on the bill indicating a **neutral** position, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Simpson moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **Senate Bill 388**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Dean moved to report **Senate Bill 388**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Griffin** and **Johnson**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:14 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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